IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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This application claims benefit of provisional application 60/071,420, filed January 14, 1998, now abandoned.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at the first line of page 18 with the following paragraph:

PCR and Southern Analysis of Genomic DNA. Genomic DNA can be extracted form lenanocytes, or mast cells using the PUREGENE ™ ~~Puregene~~ kit (Gentra Systems, Plymouth, MN) according to manufacturer's instructions. The genomic PCR reactions employ 50 ng of purified genomic DNA under the following conditions: 94°C for 2 minutes, 57°C for 1 minute and 72°C for 2 minutes except for exon 9 where an annealing temperature of 60°C for 1 minute was used for 30 cycles. For Southern analysis, 10 μg of genomic DNA is digested with each of the following restriction enzymes Hinc II, Xba I, and Bam HI using the manufacturer's instructions (New England Biolabs). The digested DNA is electrophoresed on a 1% agarose/TBE gel. The gel is denatured with 0.25 M HCI followed by 0.5 M. NaOH/1.5 M NaCl, and equilibrated with Tris pH 8.0/1.5 M NaCl. The DNA is transferred to nylon membranes, UV crosslined, and prehybridized for 30 minutes with Quik-Hyb (Strategene, LaJolla, CA) at 65OC. ^{32}P-dCTP radiolabeled full length Mi cDNA is made using the Strategene prime-it random labeling kit. 10^6 cpm/mi of Quik-Hyb solution is used and hybridization is performed at 65°C ~~65OC~~ for 2 hours.

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